

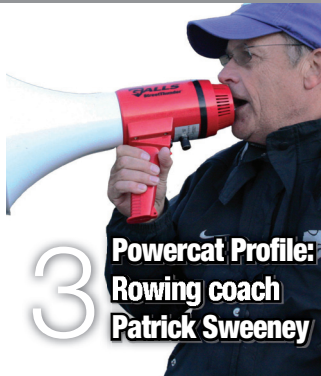


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Anderson Hall seen through a lens on a beautiful fall afternoon Tuesday.

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Visiting artist talks prints, her everyday inspirations

Jeana Lawrence
co news editor

Last night in the Little Theater, the K-State Art Department hosted Visiting Artist lecturer, Shelley Thorstensen, a print-maker from Pennsylvania. Thorstensen began her presentation by describing her process for starting a print.

"Ever since I can remember, I've picked up bits and pieces of machinery," Thorstensen said. "I study the color and the way the light reflects off them."

In addition to these machinery bits, Thorstensen said she also picks up seed pods, leaves or anything that catches her attention. For the past two days, after visiting art classes, Thorstensen would walk around campus picking up things off the ground.

"I feel guilty, ever since reading Walden in high school," Thorstensen said. "You know, the poem about just leaving footprints, but here I am, taking things and picking them up."

Once Thorstensen has decided on which objects to take, she places them throughout her home, such as a blue pail she picked up and placed in a hallway at her house. Light hits the bucket at different points in the day, creating a collage of color that Thorstensen then uses as inspiration.

"It's that little blue bucket that helps me stay grounded, lately in Tuscany," Thorstensen said, after describing an artwork piece based on the Tuscany landscape.

Another step in her process is to dream about her prints. Afterward, she makes notes and sketches about her dreams before actually working on the print itself. As one can imagine, this process takes a while to complete and several of Thorstensen's prints are years in the making.

One such example is "On Any Given Day." On the right side of the print are some yellow-green squares with various blue figures that represent the idealized events that can happen on any given day, hence the title.

"See, on any given day, you don't know what will happen," Thorstensen said. "But if things are stable we can guess what might happen."

The middle section of the piece represents the plausible things that could happen. It was here that Thorstensen confronted figures she was uncomfortable with, either as a subject or artistically. For example, in the middle section is a wolfish figure that stood out to Thorstensen because it was difficult to draw.

"The things I was uncomfortable with, I just worked through," Thorstensen said. "But the things I was really uncomfortable with I just made pretty."

The last section of the piece is green and, according to Thorstensen, represents all the possible outcomes that may happen.

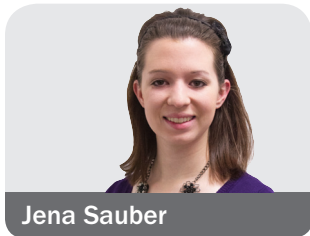
Students who attended the lecture said they thoroughly enjoyed getting a glimpse into Thorstensen's artwork and thought process.

"She was awesome," Matthew Roeder, junior in graphic design, said. "She came and showed us some of her prints yesterday, and it was some really cool stuff. I like the detail and thought she puts into them. You can tell she's a very notable artist."

While Thorstensen toured classrooms to show her work, she also worked with printmaking students and showed them how to do certain printmaking techniques.

"I thought she was very informative," Lisa Urban, senior in painting, said. "But at the lecture, it was cool to see her talk about her prints rather than show us the techniques. I find her very inspirational, and I love her use of colors."

Balancing relationships with a busy schedule



Jena Sauber

Online quiz done? Check. Laundry folded? Check. Time invested in an important relationship? Maybe not.

At the end of a long day, putting in the effort to maintain important relationships can seem like another item to check off a never ending to-do list, but maintaining healthy relationships, including romantic relationships, often requires more than checking an item off.

"Dating is all about building and maintaining a relationship," Charlotte Olsen, professor of family studies and human services, said. "There always has to be a balance of involvement based on what your load is."

Students can invite challenges with a significant other when they are no longer able to balance their class, work, extra curricular or other commitments with maintaining that relationship, said Julie Gibbs, adviser of S.H.A.P.E.

"A lot of students that I come in contact with are stressed out, because they have so much going on," Gibbs said. "Many students are trying to balance work and classes. A lot of times, something has to go. It is so important for our lives to be in balance. Having that imbalance can lead to stress, which can be harmful to relationships."

Maintaining a healthy relationship despite a stressful or busy schedule doesn't have to be difficult or time consuming, Olsen said. Key elements include being intentional

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NYU professor sheds light on economic inequality in U.S.



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Professor Edward Wolff points to a graph while discussing the official U.S. poverty rates Tuesday evening in Forum Hall.

Ryan Manring
contributing writer

Tuesday evening, K-State students and faculty filled Forum Hall in the Union to listen to a lecture by Edward Wolff, professor of economics at New York University, on the rise and fall of the middle class in America.

Speaking for little over an hour, he talked to the audience about the nation's economic fallout between the top five percent and the lowest percent of the population.

"My talk is a sad one, a disturbing one, and even an outrageous one," Wolff said as he opened his lecture.

He quickly followed this state-

ment up with a striking quote from Warren Buffett, in which Buffett said that the people of the United States were fighting a war and that his side, the one percent, was winning.

Wolff presented a series of graphs and data that showed a

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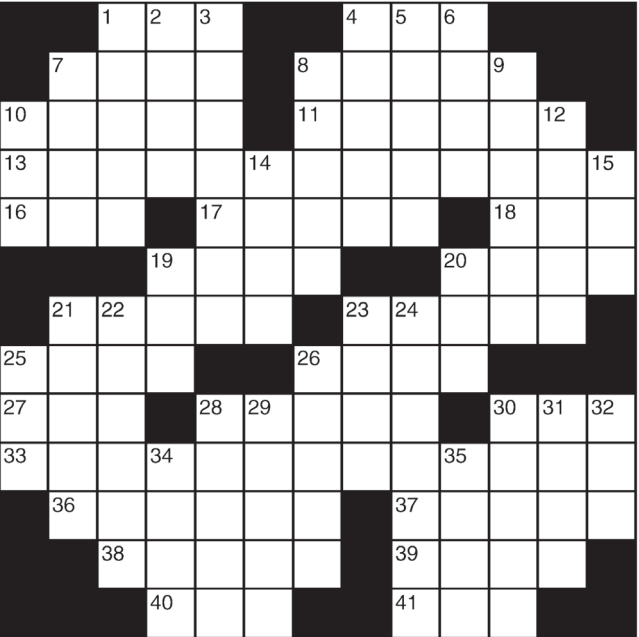
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PATRICK SWEENEY

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A serious case can be made that the most decorated head coach at K-State is Patrick Sweeney, who is at the helm of the Wildcats rowing program.

The 11th-year head coach has two Olympic medals as the former head coach of the Belgian national team — one gold and one bronze — as well as one silver and one bronze medal as a coxswain for the British National Team.

He has also collected 10 medals — five as a coach and five as a coxswain — at the World Championships during his time in the sport.

In addition to his international experience and successes, Sweeney won four national titles as the head coach at the University of California from 1980-87. In his first year at California, he brought about the school's first-ever women's national championship.

So why did a man with so much success at the highest level of his sport decide to become the head coach of a fledgling rowing program at K-State in 2003?

"I was looking for a challenge," Sweeney said. "I've done all those things, and I was looking for a place that had an athletic department that was willing to do something. Everything seemed to fit in and [K-State] wanted to take a program that was struggling and build it to a program that was doing something and creating great opportunities."

Since taking over in 2003, Sweeney has elevated the rowing program at K-State to new heights and has kept recruiting mostly within the state of Kansas, while other elite programs like Texas and Oklahoma heavily recruit foreign talent.

When he came to Manhattan, the team's roster included only about 30 girls. Now, it has swelled to over 90.

Sweeney reached his pinna-

cle in Manhattan in the 2008-09 season, when his First Varsity 8 boat grabbed the gold medal at the Big 12 championship.

But Sweeney's ultimate goal at K-State has been to create a competitive rowing program that uses primarily Kansas high school athletes. According to the team's media guide, over 80 percent of the team's current roster is from Kansas. Also, only five percent of the roster had any prior rowing experience before coming to K-State.

Sweeney said he finds a sense of satisfaction in turning around a group of former high school athletes who never rowed and putting them on a competitive level with elite Big 12 teams.

"The more I do it here, the more I enjoy it," Sweeney said.

That's probably why Sweeney just signed a five-year contract extension last offseason that will keep him in Manhattan for the foreseeable future.

Sweeney and his family, which includes his wife Martha and his daughter Toulia, love it in Manhattan, and Sweeney said that's a big reason he is staying put at K-State.

"I wanted to get out of international rowing. It was time for me to move out and find a place for the family. I still feel that way," Sweeney said.

The future of the rowing program under Sweeney is brighter than ever with the addition of the Intercollegiate Rowing Center, a training facility located in the same complex as Bill Snyder Family Stadium, Bramlage Coliseum and the Basketball Training Center.

"We haven't reached the goal yet. We're still building. With the new facility coming in, it's opening up another challenge," Sweeney said.

In past years, the Wildcats have struggled to train in the winter due to poor weather, which prevents the team from training on the water. With no training facility as a backup, the rowing team was limited almost strictly to strength training in the Vanier Foot-

ball Complex and would go months without technical training.

Now, with the new facility, Sweeney said the program should see noticeable results in the coming seasons.

"We got to a point where we knew what we were doing and we were making progress, but we were sort of plateauing out," Sweeney said. "This gives

us the next kick up. It means that over the next two, three and four years we should see the program get better."

As the Wildcats continue to make progress on the water, Sweeney's contract extension guarantees that one of the most decorated rowers in the world will be guiding the program as it looks to reach unprecedented levels of success.

But it is that international experience that Sweeney says has allowed him to create a progressive culture at K-State.

"I think anybody that's been doing it as long, I would hope they respect what they've done," Sweeney said. "That shines through on a daily basis. I hope what I do makes sense to them and they can see that it's working."



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K-State head rowing coach Patrick Sweeney calls out instructions to his team at Tuttle Creek during a practice Tuesday.

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Unstoppable Broncos will prove to be last unbeaten team in NFL



Spencer Low

Pop quiz: Which NFL team is first in points scored, yards per game and yards per play and leads the league in passing yards per game? Hint: it's not the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Denver Broncos have the most dominant offense in the NFL this season, and it really isn't close. They lead the league with 265 points so far this season, and the next team has 183, a difference of 82 points. Peyton Manning is having another year that defies everything we knew about the quarterback position, leading the league in yards and touchdowns while carrying the Broncos' potent offense.

In 2002, the Carolina Panthers were fresh off a 1-15 season and hired John Fox as their new head coach. Two seasons later, they were in the Super Bowl, with quarterback Jake Delhomme at the helm. Delhomme's numbers that season were not overwhelming: 3,219 yards, 19 touchdowns and 16 interceptions.

The point of that history tangent is to show that Fox, now the head coach of the Denver Broncos, is a very good coach and had a very successful season with an average-at-best quarterback. Now, with the best quarterback of our generation, Fox is capable of winning the Super Bowl and keeping a 0 in the Broncos' lose column for awhile longer.

Yes, the Broncos have a tougher schedule than the Chiefs. They face the Indianapolis Colts in an away game this upcoming week, followed by a home game against the Redskins and a trip to San Diego to face the Chargers before a faceoff with the Chiefs at Mile High Stadium in Denver on Nov. 17.

The biggest challenge of those first three games will be the Colts and Andrew Luck, the man who replaced Manning in Indianapolis. Manning was the face of the Colts for 14 seasons after they made the Tennessee Volunteers

product the number one overall pick in the 1998 NFL Draft.

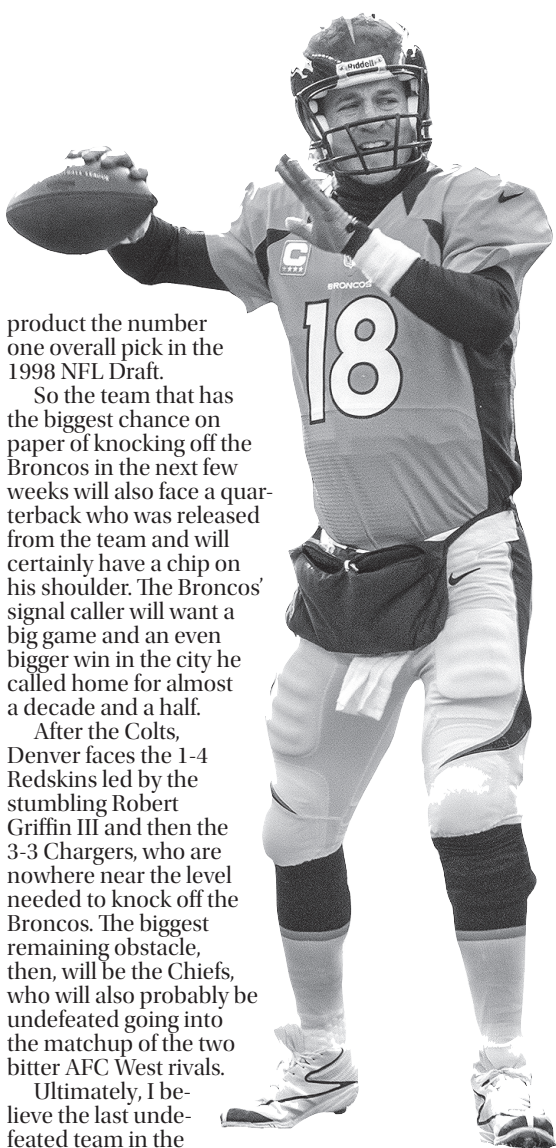
So the team that has the biggest chance on paper of knocking off the Broncos in the next few weeks will also face a quarterback who was released from the team and will certainly have a chip on his shoulder. The Broncos' signal caller will want a big game and an even bigger win in the city he called home for almost a decade and a half.

After the Colts, Denver faces the 1-4 Redskins led by the stumbling Robert Griffin III and then the 3-3 Chargers, who are nowhere near the level needed to knock off the Broncos. The biggest remaining obstacle, then, will be the Chiefs, who will also probably be undefeated going into the matchup of the two bitter AFC West rivals.

Ultimately, I believe the last undefeated team in the NFL will be decided in the Mile High City, when the Chiefs and the Broncos face off, and that the Broncos will emerge as the only undefeated team left. At home, with their offense, I do not see a lot of hope for Kansas City.

Denver is very good at scoring points, and a lot of them. They score early and they score often, forcing teams to play catch-up almost constantly. The Chiefs, with Alex Smith under center, are not built to play catch-up. They excel in controlling the game and relying on the excellence of Jamaal Charles in the running and short passing game.

For a team to beat the Broncos, they will need to exploit their secondary, like the Ravens did in the playoffs last season, and push the ball downfield. Smith is a good quarterback in his own right, but he's not the guy you want if you are trying to beat a team deep. Another huge factor that



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will help keep the Broncos winning will be the return of Von Miller, one of the best pass rushers in the NFL. After sitting out the first six games of the season with a suspension, Miller will be back with a vengeance for the Denver defense. Miller has put up 30 sacks and been to two Pro-Bowls in his first two years in the NFL.

Denver has one of the best offenses I have seen in the last several years, and a defense that is good enough to not lose them any games. Despite the fact that I have been a Chiefs fan my whole life and would love to see them win, I do not see how Kansas City can knock off the Broncos in Denver, and I certainly don't see another team doing so before then.

Spencer Low is a senior in political science. Please send all comments to sports@kstatecollegian.com.

Easy schedule to lead Chiefs to sole league undefeated record



Sean Frye

Coming off of a 24-7 win over the Oakland Raiders, the Kansas City Chiefs are 6-0 and one of just two undefeated teams left in the NFL. The Denver Broncos, an AFC West rival of the Chiefs, is the only other team with an unblemished record so far this season.

But with an easy schedule over the next three weeks, the Chiefs should advance to 9-0 entering their bye week and will end up being the NFL's last remaining undefeated team.

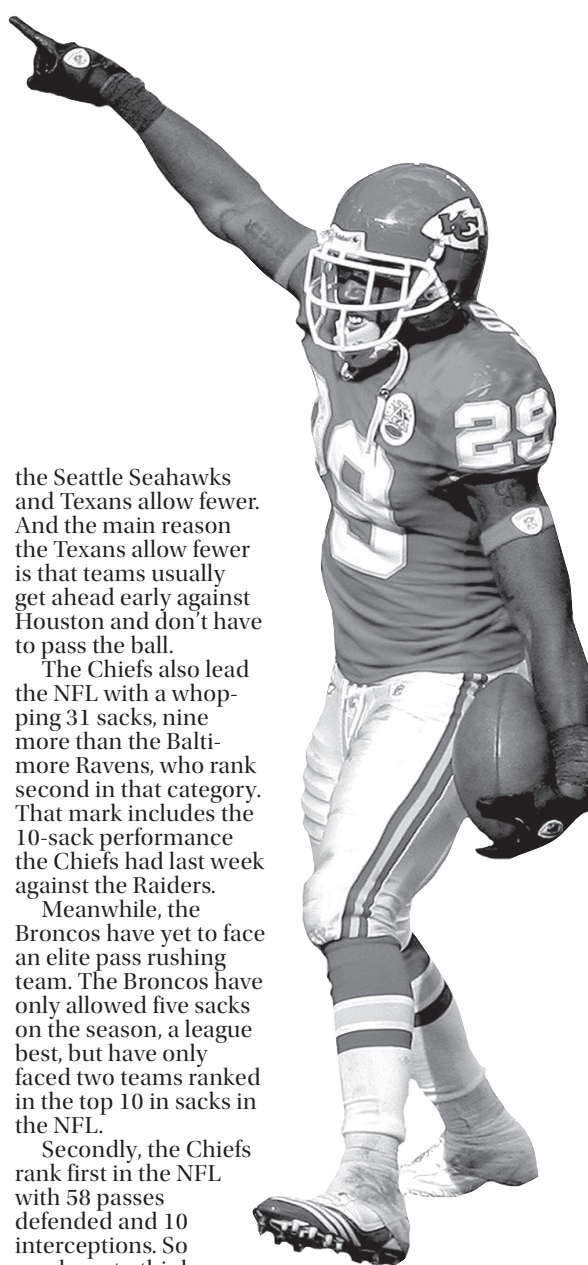
The Chiefs have two home games against the Houston Texans and Cleveland Browns, followed by a trip to Buffalo to face the Bills before entering their bye week. The combined record of those three teams is 7-11, with the Browns having the best record at 3-3.

However, the Broncos have the Indianapolis Colts, Washington Redskins and San Diego Chargers on their slate before facing the the Chiefs in Denver in Week 11. Those squads have an 8-9 combined record, including the AFC South division leading Colts and their 4-2 record.

The Broncos have also been tested in their last two games. The Dallas Cowboys took Peyton Manning and company to the wire in a 51-48 win for the Broncos. Then Denver failed to cover a measly 17-point spread against the Jacksonville Jaguars in a game where the Broncos looked sluggish against the league's worst team.

Furthermore, the Broncos offense is obviously predicated on Manning's arm. Denver currently leads the league in passing with over 360 yards through the air per game.

So if both the Chiefs and Broncos go 9-0 and face each other in Week 11, the Chiefs should have the edge as they have the league's best pass defense. Kansas City allows the third-fewest passing yards in the NFL. Only



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the Seattle Seahawks and Texans allow fewer. And the main reason the Texans allow fewer is that teams usually get ahead early against Houston and don't have to pass the ball.

The Chiefs also lead the NFL with a whopping 31 sacks, nine more than the Baltimore Ravens, who rank second in that category. That mark includes the 10-sack performance the Chiefs had last week against the Raiders.

Meanwhile, the Broncos have yet to face an elite pass rushing team. The Broncos have only allowed five sacks on the season, a league best, but have only faced two teams ranked in the top 10 in sacks in the NFL.

Secondly, the Chiefs rank first in the NFL with 58 passes defended and 10 interceptions. So you have to think that the Chiefs' elite secondary, which includes cornerback Brandon Flowers and safety Eric Berry, will cause problems for Manning that he has yet to see this season.

Finally, the Chiefs will simply be able to keep the ball away from Manning and the prolific Broncos offense. Kansas City ranks seventh in the NFL in time of possession, averaging 32:00 per game.

Kansas City has a much easier road to 9-0, especially with its next two games being in Arrowhead Stadium, which just

set the Guinness World Record for loudest outdoor crowd at a stadium.

Expect the Chiefs to be the last remaining unbeaten team in the NFL, marking one of the greatest and most rapid turnarounds in league history.

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Public’s celebrity obsession obscures current events



Illustration by Parker Wilhelm



Right before starting this column, I found out from a graduate student in the Department of Agriculture that a blizzard in the northern part of the midwest destroyed a good chunk of the beef supply in the United States. I proceeded to pull up the Yahoo home page only to find that today's headlines primarily consisted of "Katy Perry's embarrassing late night moment," "Kris and Bruce Jenner reunite for a photo," and

"Jennifer Lopez: I lost 90 percent belly fat."

Our society is horribly guilty of considering unimportant things important. A majority of us are more fascinated with anything related to celebrities than we are with problems that are far more in need of our attention. The gassing in Syria occurred in August, and Miley Cyrus's notorious VMA performance occurred in September. But based on what was posted on Yahoo news and Facebook alone, I knew about a performance that I hadn't even bothered to watch before I knew about the real problems taking place and how it could potentially affect my safety as a human being. I saw more community letters addressing teenage girls to not be like Miley Cyrus than I did semi-educated opinions on how to address a crisis over chemi-

cal weapons.

Granted, a horrendous VMA performance is a much simpler topic of discussion, but I would hope a crisis regarding the abuse of chemical weapons is at least a little more disturbing than someone "twerking" with her tongue hanging out on stage.

If someone completely new to our world were to surf the Web for an hour, they would probably learn more about which celebrities recently gained a few pounds and what Kim Kardashian wore to Starbucks that day than they would about current events that are far more, or should be far more, relevant to everyone's everyday lives. It's time to get our priorities in check.

Not only does the over-glorification of celebrities contribute to our unreasonably high levels of igno-

rance regarding current events, but it also skews our expectations of how to function as human beings. An example: celebrity mothers. Beyonce Knowles received an extremely high amount of praise from the media and from the general public for getting back to her pre-pregnancy weight within the first three months after giving birth. Meanwhile, Jessica Simpson received an enormous amount of criticism for not making weight loss her first priority when she had a newborn baby to attend to.

Celebrities should not be glorified for having the resources to attain unreasonable expectations, nor should they be harassed for having higher priorities than superficial ones. If anyone seriously thinks it's so awful of a mother to not lose her pregnancy weight right away because she has more

important things to think about — like making sure her new baby is healthy and loved — then that individual needs to reevaluate what they consider important.

The list of nonsense does not end here. While celebrity shenanigans are full of entertainment potential, I can only hope we can stimulate the cease of celebrity obsession. Needless to say, if Miley Cyrus's inability to make dancing with a lolling tongue look attractive or Kim Kardashian's unflattering ensemble at some hoity-toity event has more of an impact on your life than a crisis regarding agriculture or chemical weapons, I highly encourage you to reassess your own priorities.

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Despite loss, 2-4 record, Snyder sees continued growth in Wildcat team

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The K-State Wildcats fell to 2-4 over the weekend as they suffered their third consecutive loss to start Big 12 play. Despite the slow start, head coach Bill Snyder said he believes that there is plenty left to accomplish this season.

"Being 2-4 is never easy and neither is the response to it," Snyder said. "How you respond to it and how you feel about it is difficult for the players, coaches and the people that are invested in this program. The important thing for us is not what could have been, but what are we going to do."

K-State enters the halfway point of the season with a loss to North Dakota State and not a single Big 12 win to their name. It has not been an easy season thus far for this Wildcat team. In three of the Wildcats' four losses this season, they had the lead at some point in the fourth quarter. This shows that the Wildcats are in games late, but they still must improve on finishing out games strong.

"We are progressing, slowly but surely," sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams said. "We have given up a lot of points in the red zone. I have not been finishing as far as the interceptions late in the game. We've shown some bright areas, but we still are not where we need to be."

For the second game in a row, Sams saw early action, as he quickly came into the game

following the start by junior quarterback Jake Waters. Sams found a lot of success against the Baylor defense as he rushed for 199 yards on 30 carries. His total of 199 rushing yards in a single game by a quarterback ranks second in school history.

Sams played nearly a perfect game on Saturday entering the fourth quarter of the game. The only turnover of the game came late in the fourth when Sams tried to complete a tough pass to gain a first down. Instead, the ball fell into the hands of a Baylor cornerback, ultimately ending the game.

"He allowed us to move the football and be more effective with our offense, but we still had some correctable miscues," Snyder said.

In the early part of the season, the Wildcats struggled to find their identity on the offensive side of the ball. In their last two games, they have found a lot of success in the quarterback run game as well as the short passing game. Sams said he believes that the team is continuing to find their identity.

"We still are not where we need to be," Sams said. "As far as me finishing at the end of the game, interceptions is something that we cannot have. We still have areas that we need to improve, but I feel like we will get there."

The Wildcats will be back in action in two weeks when they take on West Virginia, and despite the slow start, Snyder said he continues to see im-



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Head football Coach Bill Snyder gives a midseason update at Tuesday's press conference at Vanier Sports Complex. After Saturday's 35-25 loss to Baylor, the Wildcats enter into their bye week with a 2-4 record.

provement from his team. "We are trying to get ourselves better, and in some cases we have," Snyder said. "I think that we are beginning to practice better, which is most significant with me, and I think the result of the areas that I talked about where there was improvement was a result of their practice effort during the course of the week."

City Commission discusses potential construction projects, swimming passes

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Up for discussion at Tuesday night's city commission meeting was the future of the Peace Memorial Auditorium and the new home for Manhattan Parks and Recreation. At prior meetings, it was decided that the Peace Memorial Auditorium would be remodeled to accommodate Parks and Recreation as well as two gymnasiums. This would allow the space to be better used by the community, according to commissioners. However, there is concern

that creating the desired plans may cost more than the budget initially approved by the commission. Commissioners debated removing the auditorium, moving Parks and Recreation to another facility or asking for funding for the auditorium to come from private sources.

"The primary focus is Parks and Rec, and can we add on to what's already existing of City Hall," said Commissioner Rich Jankovich.

Randi Dale, Manhattan citizen, spoke on the importance of keeping the stage while bringing up unaddressed expenses, such as possible asbestos below the auditorium seats and a need to update the amount of electrical power available.

Kathy Dziewaltowski, president of the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, spoke on the historical significance of the Peace Memorial Auditorium. She also encouraged city officials to make a decision so that fundraising attempts might be made to furnish the building.

"How do we raise money if we don't know if the stage will even be there?" said Dziewaltowski.

Commissioners settled on seeing plans that intend to preserve the stage, while accommodating Parks and Recreation and the two gyms but not fully furnishing the auditorium's lighting, seating or sound systems within the restraints of the approved budget. Further furnishing for the auditorium would be left up to private donations.

Other discussion centered on adjusting the Manhattan Area Comprehensive Plan to match the Wildcat Creek Flood Plain. According to Jankovich, the adjusted flood plain would

not affect value or underwriting.

"It shouldn't hurt anyone's chances at getting a loan to build a house in this area," said Jankovich.

The motion to approve amending the Manhattan Area Comprehensive Plan carried 5-0.

Eddie Eastes, interim director of Parks and Recreation, presented the possibility of adjusting the pricing of entry to city pools. Eastes recommended eliminating a \$2 fee to use the Wave Rider and adding a season pass.

Commissioners Karen McCullough and Usha Reddi favored the idea of introducing a family or seasonal pass instead of the punch card pass that is currently used by city pools. McCullough was also in favor of eliminating carry-over passes from year to year.

Finally, October 25 was declared Kansas State Rowing Association Day.

"We've grown from a handful of a few men when we started the program to now 60 plus people," said Mike Crubel, president of the Kansas State Rowing Association.

The good, the bad, and the ugly: costumes made easy



Patrick White

It's October. That means sooner rather than later, Halloween is going to sneak up on us. With that comes a few seasonal items including costumes, decorations, horror movies and candy.

A costume doesn't need to be something you stress over. A few examples here show that simplicity is the way to go when dressing up.

Courtney Hall, sophomore in theater, said she wore a simple, yet effective costume on Halloween last year.

"Last year I was Juno," Hall said. "I had the orange striped shirt with the sweater, the skirt and the pregnant belly. For the belly, I just rolled up a bed sheet."

And there are many more cool costume ideas that do not take extraneous effort to put together.

Greg Papadelis, freshman in finance, used his pet dog as a prop in one of his favorite outfits.

"I went as Joe Dirt for Halloween during my junior year of high school," Papadelis said. "I had the

shorts, overalls and a blonde wig with the right haircut, but to really sell the costume I brought my dog along with me."

Sydney Rathjen, freshman in animal sciences, said she had a spider costume as a kid that featured a neat little gimmick, making it one of her favorite Halloween costumes.

"My mom made me a spider costume with these really cool spider legs," Rathjen said. "The legs were attached to my sleeves with string so when I moved one of my arms, the spider legs would move with me."

Those who would rather not make their own costumes can buy one. Natalie Powell, freshman in animal sciences, did exactly that.

"This year, I'm going as Minnie Mouse," Powell said. "When I saw it, I felt I had to buy it because of how good the costume looked."

Once you have your costume, you face many possibilities of what to do in it. Powell is going to a haunted corn maze this Halloween. She also said she likes to trick or treat. Papadelis is going to a costume party. Hall is hosting her own costume party, though she said she is a dedicated trick-or-treater.

"I lived for three years in Alaska, which meant the best that you could do is get a coat, a cape and pop vampire teeth in your mouth because of the cold," Hall said.



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To get into the Halloween spirit, Melea Stone, freshman in interior design, turns her imagination into a design on a pumpkin Friday night at the UPC After-Hours Fall Night at the Union.

"Here I still trick or treat. I believe in the cause." Costuming or parties might not be your thing, but there are many

ways to enjoy Halloween.

Derek Surdez, senior in microbiology, said Halloween is his favorite time of the year because he enjoys the atmosphere.

"It's fall, which means it's cool outside, and it brings all the scary stories," Surdez said. "I grew up watching the Disney channel Halloween specials. That and 'Goosebumps.'"

Powell echoed that sentiment. She said Halloween is her favorite holiday.

"I've always loved anything scary," Powell said. "That goes for horror movies. My favorite is 'The Strangers.'"

Hall said she enjoys horror movies this time of year, as well.

"I enjoyed 'The Conjuring,'" Hall said. "It got its job done. It wasn't cliché, and it wasn't one of those horror movies they've remade over and over again."

However you want to enjoy your Halloween, you can take Papadelis' advice.

"Halloween depends on your inner you," Papadelis said. "And how you want to show that on Halloween. Fall brings midterms. Halloween is a good time to live it up."

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Five classic horror films to add to your Halloween playlist



Sid Arguello

As Halloween approaches, many are preparing the perfect costumes and readying for holiday-themed parties. It's no secret that some students anxiously await the one day they get to dress up as their favorite fictional character. Some students spend the entire month of October coming up with the right costume idea, but there are other traditions that come along during this season of fright.

One of the best preparations for getting into the Halloween spirit is sitting down and watching favorite horror movies, from classics like the "Goosebumps" series dating back to the mid-1990s, to more contemporary movies like "Insidious Chapter 1" and "Insidious Chapter 2."

It's movies like these that remind students what it was first like to feel scared, enjoying the comfort of a warm home and curiosity of what lies in the dark. Movies like these keep the Halloween spirit alive year after year.

1. "Hocus Pocus"

As cliché as it is, "Hocus Pocus" is a Halloween classic. Three sister witches of Salem are accidentally resurrected by a naive teenager looking to impress the classic beauty. Little did he know he would be unleashing the Sanderson sisters from a 300-year slumber, vengeful and bent on sucking the life out of every child in Salem in order to stay young. It is up to the young trio Max, Dani and Allison to send the

witches back into the depths of Hell from which they came.

This family classic had a cult following soon after its release in 1993 and is still popular today.

2. "Psycho"

Shifting gears, "Psycho" was the film that revolutionized American horror forever, as well as made some afraid to take a shower. The Alfred Hitchcock 1960s black and white classic taught many Americans what it truly felt like to be scared. Loosely based on the

notorious murders of serial killer Ed Gein, the movie begins with the attractive Marion Craine, played by Janet Leigh. On the run after embezzling thousands of dollars from her employer, Marion makes the crucial mistake of stopping for the night at the Bates Motel. After dinner with the proprietor, Norman Bates, Marion goes up to her room for a shower, and the rest is history.

With twists and turns that keep the audience guessing as Marion's sister and former lover investigate her disappearance, "Psycho"

is a sure pick for anyone on Halloween. The classic horror film that many call Hitchcock's greatest work contains intense and controversial scenes that brought Hollywood cinema to a new form of art.

3. John Carpenter's "The Thing"

Set in the rural Arctic, John Carpenter's "The Thing" introduced audiences to a new type of horror. A shape-shifting alien from who knows where was discovered deep in the ice by a group of Norwegian scientists. Days later, a group of American scientists find the

Norwegians' base camp and discover a horror not known to man.

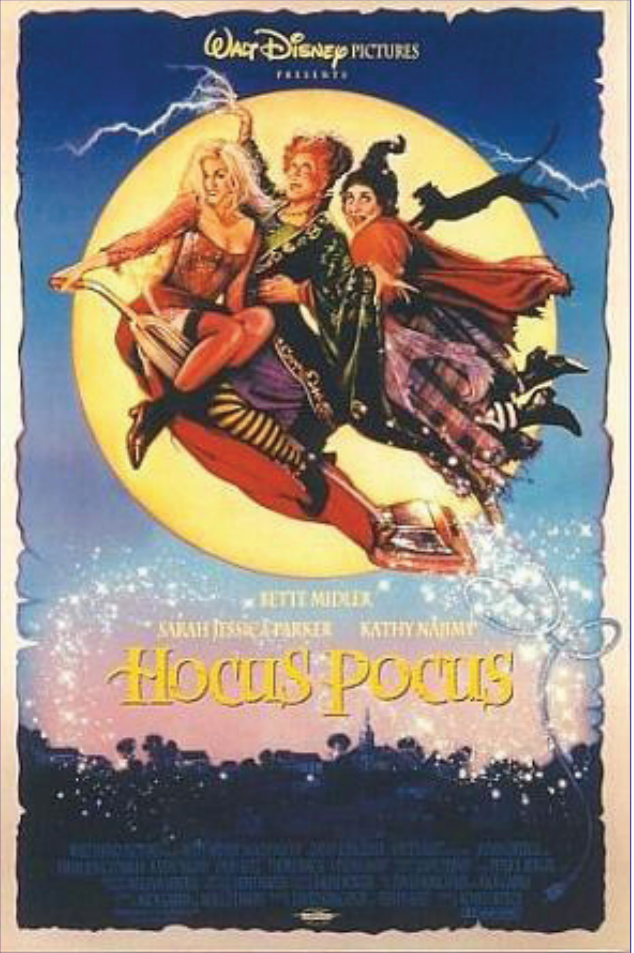
Finding what seems to be the corpse of a man either splitting in half or becoming one, the Americans know they have made a discovery that will brand their names onto history. Little do they know, the alien corpse is still alive. The American team then has to rush to figure out who's human and who's monster.

Hollywood's attempt to revamp this classic film failed at the box office but provided a prequel that revealed new secrets from the mind of John Carpenter. For anyone who has not

watched either film, I suggest watching "The Thing" (2011) and following with the cult classic, John Carpenter's "The Thing" (1982).

4. "The Conjuring"

The surprising summer flick "The Conjuring" set a new level for all Hollywood writers to aim for when writing and producing horror films. It could be argued that all current films are recreations of past ideas, but The Conjuring brought unexpected thrills to audiences worldwide.



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Cheap, easy-to-make Halloween recipe ideas for students on a budget

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The Pumpkin Pie Blizzard is back at Dairy Queen, signaling the return of the fall season and the return of Halloween. For students craving similarly fall-inspired snacks and treats, there are several cheap and easy options available.

In the 21st century, candy is mostly dominated by chocolate. Of course, it wouldn't be Halloween without candy, so why leave it at just an old boring bag of chocolate? Just one bag can run up to \$10 these days. Frankly, most college students just don't have that kind of money to throw around.

Christina Klein, freshman in animal science and industry, said she makes "Snickers-doodle" cookies every Halloween. Taking the average snickerdoodle cookie recipe, she mixes crushed Snickers candies into the dough before she bakes them.

Premade cookie dough can be bought at the local grocery store for about \$4 and a small bag of Snickers is about the same price. It really is a great bang for the buck, and who doesn't love "homemade" cookies? This can also be done with sugar cookie dough and finely chopped Reese's peanut butter cups or any other preferred candy.

Candy corn has become extremely popular on Pinterest. People devote their own boards to this singular candy, but candy corn is more than just candy. It has now become an ingredient. Popular in white chocolate chip macadamia nut cookies, as well as in festive trail mixes, candy corn can be added to just about anything.

Try mixing peanuts and candy corn with melted marshmallow for a quick snack or even adding candy corn into your grandma's homemade fudge recipe. Candy corn screams Halloween and is rarely found outside of the holiday season. This simple candy is also becoming very



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Candy corn is one of many treats that becomes a huge hit during the Halloween season. Looking for ways to change up traditional Halloween desserts? Ideas from Pinterest, Tumblr, etc. provide many inexpensive and creative recipes for students on a budget to whip up tasty Halloween goodies.

popular in Halloween bark and snack mix, often paired with Chex cereal and pretzels.

Cinnamon is yet another classic flavor of this particular holiday season. Some prefer the Mexican-inspired cinnamon and spice flavored candies over cinnamon flavored baked goods. Either way, this simple spice screams October.

Red Hots cinnamon candies can be found in any candy aisle, allowing for more creativity when it comes to decorating for Halloween parties. The red color creates a vibrancy amongst the traditional oranges and browns of the other Halloween food traditionally set out. Try mixing this hot

candy with some popcorn, or better yet, with caramel corn.

Popcorn is a relatively cheap food found virtually anywhere. One cheap Halloween party food idea is to have Halloween popcorn. Mix popcorn and candy corn, spread out on a tray, drizzle melted chocolate over the mix and add sprinkles, then refrigerate until it hardens.

For those who simply cannot tear themselves away from the sweet pumpkin flavor that accompanies Halloween, there are numerous creative ways to incorporate this flavor within a cheap college budget. Pumpkin Spice Lattes, chocolate chip pumpkin bundt cake,

or even pumpkin cinnamon waffles are some options.

"We sell pumpkin spice coffee all year long, but there is definitely a huge increase in sales during October," said Jon Hastings, junior in pre-professional secondary education and barista at Bluestem Bistro. "It is simply anticipated every year."

There are numerous other flavors associated with Halloween. Licorice is often eaten out of the bag, unless a gourmet chef is in the house. Some easy ways to incorporate this unique candy into the holiday is to mix chopped licorice with a bag of caramel corn and candied pecans for a

great party snack. Try adding licorice, candy corn and any other chopped candy into marshmallow popcorn balls.

Candied and caramel apples are a signature Halloween treat, often associated with the witch's poison. Spice it up with various types of drizzled chocolate and crushed up candy bars. Or take the apple on the stick, roll it in caramel, then roll in crunched up Heath bars and let sit a few hours, creating a "vomit" look.

Looking to do something really cheap on a college budget? Go to your local grocery store and pick up some plastic spoons, white chocolate, peanut butter and Nutella.

Melt the white chocolate and scoop it onto the spoon, refrigerate until serving. These can even be decorated to be "ghost spoons." Do the same thing with peanut butter and Nutella, creating a peanut butter chocolate spoon the guests are sure to love.

Bring a Halloween theme to cake pops by decorating them with frosting or fondant to look like an eyeball. Or instead of having the regular boring stick, use plastic forks to increase the "gross" factor. Other ways to incorporate the spirit of Halloween include creating "ghost pops," "bat pops" or even

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Fall beverages, from Halloween parties to morning pick-me-ups

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The days are getting shorter and temperatures are getting colder. Halloween is just around the corner. The Pumpkin Spice Latte may be dominating everyone's Instagram and Twitter accounts, but Manhattan has much more to offer in the beverage department. Whether students are planning a Halloween party or studying for midterms, here are some tips to help fully embrace the multitude of refreshments this holiday season.

If students want to satisfy the pumpkin coffee craving on a budget, nearly all of the local grocers carry pumpkin-flavored coffee creamer in the dairy section. The 16 oz. bottle of pumpkin goodness is about \$4, which is about the cost of a small Starbucks concoction.

Most coffee shops in town also have pumpkin-flavored syrup on hand so customers can add it to any of their favorite drinks.

Logan Roberts, manager at Radina's Coffeehouse in the Leadership Building, said the Pumpkin Chai Latte is the most popular drink being sold there right now, but it's not his favorite.

"The Pumpkin White Chocolate Mocha is what you should be ordering," Roberts said. "Life is so much better because of it."

To steer away from the pumpkin overload, Bluestem Bistro is serving up a Reese's flavored syrup, made in house. You can order it in a latte, mocha or hot chocolate.

Starbucks, arguably the creator of the Pumpkin Spice Latte, also has a Salted Caramel Hot Chocolate that should not be missed, unless energy is the goal.

"It's so rich and creamy and filling, which is good if you're about to go to

sleep but not if you're about to go to class," Kelsey Befort, senior in human resources, said.

For those who are looking for a drink that will finish the day rather than start it, Blue Moon Brewmaster's Autumn Sampler is the way to go.

The sampler contains two seasonal beers in addition to the regular Blue Moon Belgian White and Pale Ale: Caramel Apple Spiced Ale and Harvest Pumpkin Ale.

"You can't beat the Blue Moon Pumpkin Ale," David Ecklund, senior in civil engineering, said. "It's not too pumpkin-y like other [fall] beers. It's perfect."

Having a Halloween party? Fortunately for the typical college student bank account, it's cheap and easy to create some ghoulish drinks for party guests. Buy a funky colored soda at the store and use it as a base for your favorite liquor. Make sure you like the soda first.

Mixing a fruit punch flavored Crystal Light packet into a cup of iced water causes the flavoring powder to clump up on the side of the cup — giving the effect of coagulated blood.

You could also make a caramel apple cider with store-bought cider and caramel flavored vodka.

Make the punch bowl brim with smoke by adding dry ice. To avoid anyone actually drinking the dry ice, double up on the punch bowls. Put the dry ice in the larger bowl and then place the punch bowl inside of the larger bowl.

These drinks won't be around, or socially acceptable, forever, so take a study break and say hello to fall. And to follow others, don't forget to Instagram it either.

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Fall is in the air and with it a wide selection of seasonal drinks, from Pumpkin Chai Lattes at Radina's to Caramel Apple Spiced Ale from Blue Moon Brewmaster, but if you're not sure what to get, you can't go wrong with a Pumpkin Spiced Latte from Starbucks.

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Lobby."

For an outdoor activity, try pumpkin bowling. Use small round pumpkins to knock over stacked toilet paper rolls. To increase the Halloween vibe, paint the pumpkins to look like eyeballs and tape black paper eyes on the toilet paper rolls to create ghosts.

Still need to add volume to the party? Play Halloween music from Pandora or have "the Exorcist" or "Psycho" playing in the background. Random horrific screams from movies are a sure way to send shivers down the

spine.

For more lighting indoors, paint mason jars orange, yellow and white and place candles inside. Replace all the light bulbs with blue or green bulbs found at the local hardware store. For outside parties, use empty milk jugs with sharpie ghost faces and fill with plastic wrap and fake candles. Be sure to use battery operated candles if you plan to serve booze at the party. Fire and intoxication might not be the best idea.

Cheap budgets still allow for Halloween parties. It just takes more creativity. Numerous decoration and party

ideas can be found online or inspiration could be found at any local party store, grocery store or even convenience store.

With so many themed possibilities, every Halloween party is sure to be a party to remember.

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MOVIES | "Clockwork" a classic film

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Paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren are called in to solve a mystery that has been disturbing the lives of a family living on a farm. As the story develops, the Warrens discover that the land was once owned by a witch in 1863 who set a curse condemning anyone who settled there. Unfortunately for the family, the Warrens have to wait for authorization from the Catholic church to exorcise the house.

5. "A Clockwork Orange"

One of the most controversial films of all time, "A Clockwork Orange," based on

the book of the same name, is not for the faint of heart. Some might not consider this a Halloween film; however, the costumes and delinquency of the film always return during the Halloween season because of the style in which it was filmed.

"Clockwork" centers around the life of Alex DeLarge in the not-so-distant future of Great Britain. DeLarge, played by Malcolm McDowell, is a troubled young man who terrorizes the residents of Britain and commits various crimes which land him in prison. While there, he volunteers to be a participant in an extreme

experiment.

DeLarge later finds himself released from prison and runs into many of his victims prior to his incarceration. He then finds himself becoming a victim of his own past.

This film contains graphic scenes and language and should only be watched by mature audiences. The film's producers and director created an art form unknown to British audiences, and though it's quite disturbing, this film has many lessons to offer.

There are many other Halloween films offered in theaters and in marathons on TV every year. These are only a few of my personal favorites to look out for.

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about time spent together and effectively communicating expectations and realities.

Keep talking

When faced with a change in time commitments, such as before a big test or after starting a new job, communication is key, according to Olsen.

“If your schedule is so busy that you don’t have time to be intentional, that needs to be communicated to the other person so they know where you are coming from,” Olsen said. “Put up some boundaries like Monday through Friday, you really need to put all your time to studying. Let them know that so they don’t feel neglected.”

Olsen said part of a healthy relationship is curiosity about the other person, another way to be intentional in maintaining a relationship.

“You try to find out the most about the other person all the time,” she said. “Even if you’ve been with a person for a long time, you’re not going to know everything there is know about that person. There may be changes. Always be curious about the other person.”

Maintaining a healthy relationship includes communicating effectively during and after disagreements too.

“We know for relationships to be maintained, you need five positive interactions for every one negative interaction to protect that relationship,” Olsen said. “If you are sorry, and you cannot take words back, there needs to be five positive interactions with that person to offset that negative one.”

Making space

When outside commitments limit the amount of time a couple can spend together, it is vital that both partners be intentional about carving out specific times to be together.

“If one is more involved and committed than the other, there will probably be a time down the road that it won’t be as long lasting or satisfying,” Olsen said. “You do have to give intention to a relationship.”

Being intentional doesn’t have to take up a significant amount of time.

“You should show admiration as a routine, things such as ‘Thanks for driving me to class today,’” Olsen said. “We forget sometimes with the people we want relationships with to say please and thank you or recognizing those things that show

fondness and admiration.”

Miles away

Long-distance relationships can come with their own stressful elements. Not being able to spend physical time together can be stressful, but quality communication is still possible, and it doesn’t have to be high-tech.

“In this day and age, we are very fortunate to have things like Facebook, Face Time and Skype,” Gibbs said. “We can see each other. Even go back to the old fashioned way and write letters to each other. Having daily contact with that person is good. Being able to trust another person is important, especially in long distance relationships.”

Olsen agreed that trust is vital in any relationship. “Trust plays an absolutely huge place. It is interwoven with respect,” Olsen said. “If you respect a person and value that relationship, you are going to do things that build trust rather than destroy trust.”

It is especially important to have a foundation of trust in long distance relationships, Olsen said. “For instance, if you say, let’s get together at a certain time, and you are always there or let them know if you can’t be there, that builds trust,” Olsen said. “If you just don’t show up, the trust is chipped at in a tiny way. What really harms trust is if these kinds of behaviors become a pattern, and a person begins to feel like they can’t trust that person. It is so important in a special relationship.”

Making it work

Balancing a romantic relationship with classes, work and extracurricular activities can be a challenge, but it is possible. Creating a good balance can help lead to a healthy relationship, even if it means sacrifices, according to Olsen.

“You honor each other’s dreams and hopes,” Olsen said. “You listen to them, and if they want to make it through college in four years, you honoring that is knowing that maybe you don’t get to spend as much time together as you’d like.”

Ultimately, no matter if a relationship is pressured by busy schedules or long distances, it is important to be trustworthy, honest and respectful, Gibbs said.

“Number one thing is you show respect for each other. You treat each other with dignity and respect,” Gibbs said.

FOOD | Healthy Halloween options also available

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Looking to do something really cheap on a college budget? Go to your local grocery store and pick up some plastic spoons, white chocolate, peanut butter and nutella.

Melt the white chocolate and scoop it onto the spoon, refrigerate until serving. These can even be decorated to be “ghost spoons.” Do the same thing with peanut butter and nutella, creating a peanut butter chocolate spoon the guests are sure to love.

For those who are enjoying the new cake pop-fad, make it Halloween-themed by decorating the cake pops with frosting or fondant to look like an eyeball, and instead of using the regular boring stick, use plastic forks to increase the “gross” factor. There are numerous other ideas you could use with cake pops to incorporate the spirit of Halloween, for instance, creating “ghost pops” or “bat pops,” or perhaps a witch’s hat or witch’s broom. Ultimately cheaper than cupcakes or even a cake itself, cake pops are great for Halloween. A box of cake mix at the store runs about \$4 to \$5 and can easily make about 30 to 40 cake pops; whereas one box of cake mix realistically only produces about 18 to 20 cupcakes.

For those who prefer the traditional cupcake, there are plenty of festive ways to tie it to Halloween.

Brea Asbury, Hy-Vee employee and freshman in open option, advised fellow Halloween enthusiasts to complement the flavor of the cake with the frosting decoration. If one were to have a Jack Skeleton cupcake, choose chocolate cupcake with white frosting, and then decorate his face with black frosting. If students are looking for a simple, quick cupcake, try pumpkin cupcakes with either cream cheese or buttercream frosting or even an apple cinnamon cupcake, decorated with orange and black sprinkles — amazing fall flavors, all screaming Halloween.

For a healthier twist on Halloween treats, carve out a pumpkin and fill the inside with hummus or a vegetable dip, and place it in the center of a plate full of veggies. Recycle the pumpkin seeds you carved out of the pumpkin, add some spices, and roast for a delectable side dish. You could even toss them into a salad to serve alongside the main course.

Toni Lona, sophomore in animal sciences, cuts bananas in half and adds mini chocolate chips to create ghost eyes, making little banana ghosts. To pair it off, she peels mandarin oranges and cuts

tiny bits of celery to create “miniature fruit pumpkins.” “This fruit dish works especially well when children are also at the party,” Lona said.

Halloween brings out many flavors in food choices and recipes, whether homemade or store bought. Check out Pinterest, Tumblr and other online media for a multitude of other Halloween recipes, flavors and ideas.

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NYU | Speaker explores massive economic gap

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negative relationship between the current state of how much large corporations are bringing in and the average wages of the bottom quartile of the population, the lower 20 percent.

“The facts are the facts,” Daniel Kuester, K-State professor of economics, said. “It’s a side of things we don’t hear as frequently as we should, and these are things more people should be aware of.”

Throughout the lecture, Wolff broke down a number of different sets of data ranging from the average and median incomes of the two different economic classes, the differences in the tax rates of the two groups — as set by the government, and the historical trend of poverty rates. The data spanned the past 90 years, and Wolff used it to prove what he called a strong and unequal separation between the two classes.

“It forces the average citizen to feel they have no ability to affect public policy and takes democracy out of the picture,” Lloyd Thomas, K-State professor of economics, said in response to Wolff’s statement on the increasingly difficult economic mobility in the U.S., as well the opportunity to change the direction of the economy.

During a Q-and-A period he held with his audience after his lecture, Wolff suggested two very practical ways to begin to fix the issue he brought up in his presentation, which included a more progressive tax system as well as a thorough welfare program for the unemployed and those below the poverty level.

“Education, while it’s good, will not, I believe, reverse the problem,” Wolff said. “We need to rethink the social contract between labor and business owners.”

Wolff also said that he believes the answer to the economic gap lies in returning to the social agreement between large corporations and the labor force, in which the emphasis is shifted, no longer centered on maximizing profits alone but centered back on the people and the labor that the economy is built on.

“I feel that a just society is one with an equal distribution of income,” Wolff said, defending his stance on the current state of economic affairs, which he said is an injustice to the American people.



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Obama nominates Democrat Janet Yellen as Federal Reserve Chairman

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President Barack Obama nominated Janet Yellen to be the chairman of the Federal Reserve on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Before being officially declared the replacement for incumbent chairman Ben Bernanke, Yellen has to be approved by the Senate. This should not be a difficult feat.

"Given the urgent economic challenges facing our nation, I urge the Senate to confirm Janet without delay," Obama said. "I'm absolutely confident that she will be an exceptional chair of the Federal Reserve."

Created over 100 years ago to be the "bank of banks," the Federal Reserve is the central bank of the United States. The Fed also acts as a bank for the federal government. It regulates commercial banks and also acts as a last resort lender. In other words, it can provide discount loans to banks that have liquidity problems.

The Fed has also extended, due to the recent recession, its

role as last resort lender to investment banks. Its main policies tend to deal with the money supply, or how much money is available in the market. The Fed tries to monitor inflation rates and long-term interest rates and tries to soften the overall ups and downs of the economy's business cycle.

If elected, Yellen will be the first woman to hold the title of chairman of the Fed. Currently she is vice chair, and is known for her mild-mannered approach to issues. Yellen is often described by her colleagues as well-organized and thoughtful.

"Janet Yellen is a first-rate economist, holding a Ph.D from one of the nation's top economics departments," Lloyd Thomas, professor of economics, said. "She is very bright, level-headed and thoughtful. This is an outstanding appointment."

Yellen would be the first Democrat to be chairman since Paul Volcker, who finished his term in 1987.

"She is a proven leader, and she's tough — and not just because she's from Brooklyn,"

Obama said.

However, Yellen's opposition doesn't view her as tough. Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., voted against Yellen for the vice chairman position, stating that she had "dovish views." Federal chairman is one of the most influential positions in the U.S., and some senators are concerned about her ability to lead.

"Though the Fed doesn't usually swing politically one way or the other, political parties are influential," Joshua Myers, junior in mechanical engineering, said. "With our current economy, it might be better to have a more conservative Fed chairman to increase small business growth."

The Fed's monetary policies are complex, but it's imperative to know the basic responsibilities it executes.

"Janet Yellen is highly regarded for her training and her economic analysis and insights. Among the various Federal Reserve Bank Presidents, she has the best forecasting record," Steve Cassou, professor of economics, said. "She is likely to be very similar to Ben Bernanke, which means she will likely continue the large asset purchase program."

The continuation of Bernanke's policies is expected if Yellen becomes chairman; however, she has her own expectations as well. Yellen is adamant about increasing the employment rate. She also believes in maintaining an inflation rate around 2 percent. Yellen will face a difficult beginning as the economy continues to recuperate from the recent recession.

"Even during recessions, households' expectations for income growth tend to be reasonably stable, which provides support for overall spending," Yellen said. "In the most recent recession, however, surveys suggest that consumers sharply revised down their prospects for future income growth and have only partially adjusted up their expectations since then."



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Yellen was nominated to occupy the position of Chair of the Federal Reserve on Oct. 9 by President Obama. Yellen is a professor and economist who previously served at the Federal Reserve Bank and as Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers.

If approved by the Senate, Janet Yellen, 67, will be the first woman to hold the Chair of the Federal Reserve position and the first democrat since 1987. Despite having the president's support, Yellen's nomination has created a political media sensation, as she faces some public criticism.

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